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SUBJ: STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF AMENDED IMF ARTICLES
OF AGREEMENT AND QUOTA INCREASES

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1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON ATO LEGESSE TIKKEHER,
GOVERNOR NATIONAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA, ON MAR 29 TO
DISCUSS ETHIOPIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SECOND AMENDMENT
OF IMF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. ATO LEGESSE STATED
THAT ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING
THE SECOND AMENDMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE MINISTERS
CONCERNED WERE EXTREMELY BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS
AND THAT SUBSTANCE OF SECOND AMENDMENT TECHNICALLY
COMPLEX. IT MAY BE SOME TIME, THEREFORE, BEFORE
DECISION TAKEN BY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING
THIS AMENDMENT. HE HASTENED TO ADD THAT IN HIS
JUDGMENT THESE FACTORS HOLDING UP RATIFICATION
WERE MORE PROCEDURAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE AND THAT
EVENTUALLY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD DECIDE TO
RATIFY AMENDMENT. THE PERIOD OF STUDY COULD BE SO
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LENGTHY, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT RULE OUT POSSI-
BILITY THAT REQUIRED LEVEL OF RATIFICATION BY MEMBER
NATIONS MAY OCCUR BEFORE ETHIOPIA HAS ACTED. HE
ALSO EXPECTS THAT ETHIOPIA WILL CONSENT TO THE IN-
CREASE IN ITS QUOTA AND PAY ITS ADDITIONAL SUB-
SCRIPTION IN DUE COURSE.

2. HE THEN OBSERVED THAT HE BELIEVES ETHIOPIA WILL
CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN IMF IN SPITE OF RECENT
POLITICAL CHANGES. ALTHOUGH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVT
IS MOVING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE "SOCIALIST"
COUNTRIES, CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP (ROMANIA,
VIETNAM) ARE MEMBERS OF THE IMF. IN HIS OPINION,
THE ONLY INCENTIVE THE EPMG MIGHT HAVE FOR NOT
CONTINUING ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF IS THE IN-
FORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERSHIP.
THUS FAR, HE HAS DETECTED NO INCLINATION ON THE
PART OF CURRENT ETHIOPIAN POLICY MAKERS TO RESTRICT
PROVISION OF THIS KIND OF INFO. IN FACT,
AN IMF TEAM IS CURRENTLY IN ADDIS ON ARTICLE 14
CONSULTATIONS AND ARE BEING GIVEN FULL COOPERATION
BY THE EPMG.
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